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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 136 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/48/819.

2. At its 48th and 49th meetings, on 1 and 4 March 1994, the Fifth Committee considered the item on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/48/SR.48 and 49).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/48/L.38

3. At the 49th meeting, on 4 March, the Chairman of the Fifth Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Financing of the United Nations Protection Force" (A/C.5/48/L.38).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/48/L.38 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Financing of the United Nations Protection Force

The General Assembly

(a) Recalls its resolution 47/210 B of 14 September 1993 and its decision 48/470 of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force;

(b) Decides, on an exceptional basis, to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 to 31 March 1994 up to the amount of 97,301,000 United States dollars gross (96,439,500 dollars net) which is equivalent to the one-month pro rata share of the commitment authority provided in paragraph 10 of its resolution 47/210 B and its decision 48/470;

(c) Agrees to take a decision on the question of assessment for the United Nations Protection Force in case a decision on the financing of the Force has not been made by 11 March 1994, subject to the availability of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(d) Expresses deep concern at the current level of arrears of contributions, and urges those Member States with arrears to pay their assessed contributions promptly and in full.